Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Information Relative to Driver Education

We are pleased that your son/daughter has expressed an interest in our driver education program. We feel safe driving is an integral part of adult life today. Therefore, the best possible program in driver education is being planned for our students.

Driver education will consist of at least thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction; six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel driving; as well as six (6) hours of driver simulation. The driving time will consist of both automatic and standard transmission.

We have found that students who drive at home tend to acquire lifelong driving skills sooner than those with no extra practice. The State of Vermont recommends that a student driver should have at least twenty (20) hours of supervised practice at home with their parents, in addition to the driver education class. Please become involved in your student's weekly driving experience.

Attitude is very important in driving! Authorities attribute 85-90% of all collisions to behavioral issues. Without a doubt, attitude is one of the most difficult areas to develop successfully. We ask your support, as parents/guardians, in promoting a responsible and mature attitude. Remember that good driving habits and attitudes are acquired with lots of practice and supervision by parents.

The following guidelines and regulations have been established as Driver Education Policy at Essex High School.

1. A student should have or obtain a Vermont Learner's Permit by the last class day before the first driving day. D.M.V. test dates will be given during the first class of each semester (see monthly calendar).
2. Students must have their Learner's Permit on their person to operate a driver education vehicle (State Law).
3. Students should report promptly to their assigned class, driving session, and study hall. Driving sessions and study halls are considered the same as class time, in regard to the school policy for tardiness and absences.
4. Unexcused absence: on the day of a test; when homework/projects are due, will result in a zero for the grade.
5. When a student is absent for more than one driving session from his/her driving class, this may constitute an incomplete for the semester. Driving sessions usually can not be made up until the following semester. For planned absences, the students can rearrange driving sessions prior to the date, with permission from their instructor.
6. Stopping at fast food restaurants/stores is not permitted.
7. Students are required to use all restraint devices (seat belts) both in the front and back seats (State Law).
8. Vermont motor vehicle law will be observed at all times.
9. If any behavior problems occur in class, study hall or driving sessions, the student will be dropped from driver education immediately.

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Print Student Name Student's Signature

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Print Parent/Guardian Parent/Guardian Signature

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